

# Application No. Applicant(s) 10/781,641 SLASKI, JAMES Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit Tom Y. Lu -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1. This communication is responsive to the response filed 05/23/2007. 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-6,8-11,13,15 and 16. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) $\square$ All b) Some\* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). \* Certified copies not received: Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) I including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of Biological Material 9. Other \_\_\_\_.

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Response to Amendment

1. The amendment and written response filed on 05/23/2007 has been entered and considered.

- 2. Claims 2, 7, 12 and 14 were cancelled.
- 3. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 13 and 15 were amended.
- 4. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13, 15 and 16 are pending.

## Response to Arguments

5. Upon entry of the amendment, the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 13 has been withdrawn.

# Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13, 15 and 16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- a. Independent claims 1, 10 and 13 all define features of assigning a weight to each track-to-component association in the window; determining a best set of track-to-component association in the window and using this to determine current target position; and updating the tracks in the track file based on the determined current target position. These features in combination with other features in claims 1, 10 and 13, which are the broadest allowable claims, are not taught or suggested by the art of record.
- b. Claims 3-6, 8 and 9 are dependent upon claim 1.
- c. Claim 11 is dependent upon claim 10.

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d. Claims 15-16 were allowed in the previous office action dated 02/23/2007.

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7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Tom Y. Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7393. The

examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571)-272-7778. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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